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SUBJECT: TOGO NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH PROJECT

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1. IN CANDID MEETINGS PAST WEEK WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLU-NATEY, AIDOFF REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF PROJECT AND DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED FOR PAST YEAR GETTING MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONTACT OTHER DONORS FOR THIS MULTILATERAL PROJECT. DIRECTOR GENERAL MET PRIVATELY OCTOBER 28 WITH MOH OFFICIALS TO REVIEW SITUATION AND AGAIN ON OCTOBER 30 WITH AIDOFF PRESENT. LATTER MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS ONLY ENTENTE FOOD PRODUCTION PROJECT WITH VISITING PROJECT DESIGN TEAM. FORUM HAD BEEN BROADENED TO INCLUDE DR. GADAGBE, DIRECTOR MCH SERVICES, AND SECRETARY TO DR. QUADJOVIE.

2. DISCUSSION OF TOGO NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH PROJECT QUICKLY DEGENERATED INTO "WHO STRUCK JOHN" SESSION WITH DR. GADAGBE LEADING THE WAY. DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLU-NATEY CLAIMED THAT ERROR WAS MADE IN NOT CONTACTING MINISTRY OF PLAN SOONER BECAUSE THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING DONORS, NOT TECHNICAL MINISTRIES. MEETING ADJOURNED WITH AGREEMENT THAT MIN PLAN WOULD STEP INTO PICTURE IMMEDIATELY AND WE WOULD TOGETHER REVIEW PROJECT IN DEPTH AND START FRESH SEARCH FOR OTHER DONORS. EKLU-NATEY WAS

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QUICK TO REASSURE AIDOFF THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN WITHOUT DELAY.

3. EKLUNATEY, HOWEVER, HAS NOT SHOWN US HEALTH SECTION OF NEW TOGOLESE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR LIST OF PROJECTS ENVISAGED, THUS POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE ON THIS SCORE REMAINS.

4. EKLUNATEY'S PROPOSAL TO CONTACT DONORS GIVES US SOME REASON BE ENCOURAGED THAT WE MAY MAKE SOME HEADWAY. WE SHOULD KNOW IN NEXT WEEK IF EKLUNATEY IS IN EARNEST.

5. BASED ON OUR DISCUSSIONS WITHIN GOT AND TELEPHONE REPORT FROM RDO BARON ON HIS DISCUSSIONS CJO49'3:5 285# \$-;8\$ #3-4, SUGGEST YOU LIMIT AID/W CONTACTS ON PROJECT AT THIS TIME TO SHEAR ONLY. IF, AS WE BELIEVE, PROJECT STILL UNDER ACTIVE AID CONSIDERATION, IT IS PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO RAISE ISSUE ABOVE SHEAR LEVEL. RECOMMEND YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SHEAR OF ECPR CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT CONCENTRATE ON ISSUE OF AID HEALTH POLICY IN TOGO. WE BELIEVE THIS PROJECT CONSTITUTES ONLY LIMITED ASSISTANCE AND NOTE SECTION 1 AND 2 OF DAP P. 186 URGES INTER ALI WE CONTINUE PROVIDE LIMITED ASSISTANCE THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS IN HEALTH SECTOR. YET ECPR PARTICIPANTS CHOSE SELECT CONTRADICTORY STATEMENT ON P. 188 THAT NO LARGE-SCALE AID ACTIVITIES RECOMMENDED UNTIL HEALTH POLICY MODIFIED TO FAVOR PREVENTIVE RATHER THAN CURATIVE. WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND YOU POINT OUT THAT PROJECT HAS FAMILY PLANNING AT ITS CORE WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE. HOWEVER, EVEN IF ONE CONCEDES THAT GOT PLACES TOO GREAT PRIORITY ON CURATIVE HEALTH, WE BELIEVE THIS PROJECT CAN ONLY BE A MODEST EFFORT IN REDIRECTING GOT TOWARD MORE EMPHASIS ON PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE.

5. WE WILL KEEP YOU APPRISED OF PROGRESS DEALING WITH MINISTRIES OF PLAN AND HEALTH.
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